



How to File an Electronic Fully Developed Claim on eBenefits

You can receive a faster decision on your disability compensation claim when you file a Fully Developed Claim (FDC) online.

Steps



LOG INTO EBENEFITS

- Log into eBenefits at www.eBenefits.va.gov
- Before you apply, you may go to the **Request for Representative** area to appoint a **Veterans Service Officer (VSO)** as your Power of Attorney (POA). Your POA can help you collect all of the required documents and evidence you need to submit your claim
- Click **Apply for Benefits**
- Click **Apply for Disability Compensation** to start a new application
- Answer questions about your claim



IDENTIFY FEDERAL RECORDS

Tell VA:

- Where and when you were treated at a VA medical facility
- If you receive Social Security benefits for a service-related condition
- Where your Department of Defense (DoD) personnel records and/or service treatment records are located (if you have copies, submit them)
- About any other records with a federal agency, like federal worker's compensation (OWCP) or the Public Health Service



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- Work with your private or VA doctor to complete appropriate Disability Benefits Questionnaires (DBQs)
- Gather all private medical records including completed DBQs to speed up the processing of your claim
- Gather statements from your friends and family supporting your claim
- Scan and upload your documents



FINAL REVIEW

- Once all records are uploaded (and if applicable, your VSO has reviewed the claim), verify that you have **No More Evidence** and click **Submit**
- You'll receive a confirmation number and notice at your **eBenefits Message Center** and via your email address of record indicating that your claim was submitted successfully. Check the status of your claim 24/7 by logging on to your **eBenefits.va.gov** account.

For more information, visit www.benefits.va.gov/FDC or call **1-800-827-1000**